

PEGNet Newsletter 47

Dear PEGNet Friends and Colleagues,

Welcome to the second PEGNet Newsletter of 2022. All good things come in threes - we are happy to be finally able to invite you to this year's **PEGNet Conference on "Addressing fragility and conflict in developing countries"** which will take place on 1-2 September 2022 in Kampala, Uganda. Moreover, we would like to update you on our activities, and share some interesting news of the PEG Network.

If you have any comments, please do not hesitate to get in contact with us via pegnet@ifw-kiel.de.

Enjoy the read!

Best wishes,

The PEGNet Team

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PEGNet Conference 2022



We are happy to announce this year's PEGNet conference on **"Addressing fragility and conflict in developing countries"** taking place on **1-2 September 2022** in **Kampala, Uganda**. Fragility and conflict are a significant challenge to development and constrain efforts to achieve poverty reduction and sustainable development. Conflicts have severely stunted economic growth in many low-income countries and continue to be one of the leading causes of humanitarian crises. The conference will provide a platform for development scholars, practitioners and policy-makers to reflect on leading research on conflict and fragility as well as other topics in development economics that are related to the poverty-inequality nexus. It will consist of panel discussions, paper presentations and the PEGNet Best Practice Award.



Originally the conference was planned for 2020 but had to be postponed twice due to COVID-19. The conference is jointly organised with the [Economic Policy Research Centre \(EPRC\)](#), the [Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit \(GIZ\)](#) on behalf of the [German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development \(BMZ\)](#) and supported by the [KfW Development Bank](#).

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Call for Papers



From today until the **15.06.2022** we invite submissions of three-page abstracts that focus on fragility, conflict and other policy-relevant topics in development economics. Please send your abstract to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de indicating "PEGNet Conference 2022 - Paper Submission". The submissions do not have to address the conference theme but can be on any topic in the field of development economics. Selected papers will be either presented in the parallel or poster sessions. Please find the call for papers [here](#).

Best Practice Award

To date, the policy impact of research is often weak and development research may not always ask the right questions. Modern research tools seldomly make their way into policy design and there is a lack of shared knowledge between development research and practice. This implies that more interaction between researchers and practitioners is needed. PEGNet awards the [Best Practice Award](#) to projects that overcome this gap and have achieved successful collaboration between development research and practice. The award of **3000 EUR** will be given out during the PEGNet conference. All projects that fall within the nexus of poverty reduction, equity and growth are invited to apply until the **30.06.2022** via pegnet@ifw-kiel.de indicating **"PEGNet BPA 2022"**. For more information on the application procedures, please visit our [website](#).

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PEGNet & EPRC Workshop and Training



From 28.03.2022 to 01.04.2022 PEGNet hosted a [Workshop and Training](#) for Master and PhD students from Uganda in Kampala, jointly with the Economic Policy Research Center (EPRC) who is also a co-organisator for this year's PEGNet conference. The hybrid event commenced by a keynote from EPRC's director Ibrahim Kasirye, followed by a panel discussion on "*Regional development & long-term impacts of COVID-19*". Panelists were **Elizabeth Bryan** (IFPRI), **Isis Gaddis** (World Bank), **Francis Mwesigye** (Uganda Development Bank), and **Rehema Kahunde** (EPRC). The discussion was moderated by **Elizabeth Birabwa Aliro** (EPRC). Please find the documentation of the panel discussion [here](#). The subsequent days were filled with training in the field of "Impact Evaluation", "Academic Writing and Publication Strategies" and paper discussions from Ugandan students.

Extended Deadline

Call for Papers | Beyond growth?



Despite being far from new, current global challenges like the climate crisis, rising inequalities, or the loss of biodiversity make the debates on the 'limits to growth' and on sustainable transitions more relevant than ever. At the same time, questions of environmental justice are getting more important as climate change is strongly affecting developing countries. However, until now this debate on alternative economic models is mainly driven by scholars from the Global North and there is still a lack of implemented policies. For a special issue on "**Beyond growth? Alternative models for economic development**", GIZ and PEGNet invites contributions from economics and related social sciences. Please send your three-page abstracts or full papers to pegnet@ifw-kiel.de indication "**Special Issue - Beyond growth**" until **15.05.2022**.

Call to action

News from the Network

Events

3D Seminar

The 3D seminar is a monthly 45-minute online forum for policy and research exchange. The second session of this semester will deal with **Exit Processes in Development Cooperation** with **Kim Lücking** (DEval) and **Maria Buß** (BMZ) and take place on 30.06.2022 from 3:00 pm to 3:45 pm (UTC+2). Please find the program until summer [here](#).



Register now

2022 German Development Economics Conference (GDE)

The 2022 [German Development Economics Conference \(GDE\)](#) will take place on 9-10 June 2022. This year it is hosted by the University of Hohenheim and features as keynote speakers **Christopher B. Barrett** (Cornell University) and **Christopher Udry** (Northwestern University).

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This conference brings together scholars and researchers of Development Economics and neighboring fields (health, migration, education etc.) and provides a vibrant forum for exchange on research and policy. It consists of plenary sessions with keynote speakers, parallel sessions with contributed papers and video sessions. A highlight is the award ceremony of the KfW Young Researcher Award for excellence in policy relevant research on developing countries.

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EADI - In Search of Alternatives to Development: Ubuntu and Development in South Africa

10 May, 11.00 CET

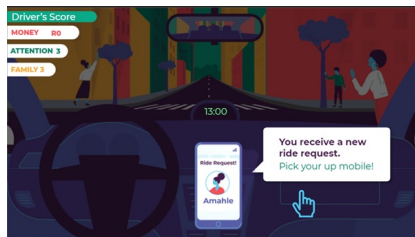


Post-development thinkers believe that the so-called “developing” world ought to draw on non-Western concepts and practices to build “alternatives to development”. In so doing, concepts like buen vivir and sumak kawsay (both meaning something like “living well”) coming from the South American context have been attracting interest. In relation to Africa, some commentators suggest that the concept ubuntu (referring to something like a feeling of common humanity) could be a useful concept upon which to base alternatives to development in Africa. This presentation by **Sally Matthews**, Rhodes University, critically explores the viability of the idea of alternatives to development, with particular reference to ubuntu in the South African context.

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Trainings/ Learning opportunities

GIZ - What does it mean to be a platform worker?



Ever wondered what is it like to be a part of the gig economy? This interactive course – A day in the life of platform worker - takes you through the journey of Lubanzi, a gig worker employed in the ride-hailing sector. Using interactive learning methods like gamification, we put you in the shoes of Lubanzi as you try to take decisions to earn enough money while balancing your caring responsibilities and avoiding risks. The training module is useful for anyone interested in the topic of gig economy and understanding what the ‘uberisation’ means in reality.

Access the learning nugget from [here](#). For more details on the activities of the [Gig Economy Flagship](#) contact: pooja.gianchandani@giz.de

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GIZ - Digital Innovations and Universal Health Coverage: Reinventing development work



[Audiopedia](#) is an open-source audio learning platform available in +10 languages. In 2021, it provided access to free audible health education to over 10 million people across the world. This #SmartDevelopmentFund project sets out to unlock the potential of women and girls by ensuring an inclusive access to health education integrating digital tools to its approach. The Audiopedia team Marcel Heyne (URIDU), Carolin Gunesch (DAHJ) and Ajuluchukwu Edechiene (RedAid Nigeria) provides insights into how Audiopedia and their work contributes to the [Universal Health Coverage Agenda 2030](#). Read the full interview on the [#SmartDevelopmentFund Blog](#).

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Publications

Policy Brief : Long-Run Impacts of the Conflict in Ukraine on Food Security in Africa



Many African countries heavily rely on imports of agricultural commodities and agricultural inputs from Ukraine and Russia, for example wheat, other grains, and fertilizer. Russia's invasion of Ukraine has disrupted global access to grains due to reduced production, exports, and increased trade costs. This policy brief investigates the possible long-term consequences of the conflict on food security in Africa. A long-run general equilibrium trade model was used and three scenarios that may evolve as a consequence of the conflict were studied: 1) Ending exports of Ukrainian wheat and other cereals for food production, such as corn or sorghum, 2) Russia's potential ban on exports of grains and fertilizers, and 3) The impact of increased trade costs due to disrupted trade routes in the Black Sea. The model simulations show the conflict will severely compromise food security in Africa. The important cross-country heterogeneity in the severity of impacts was documented. The policy brief is authored by **Lacina Balma, Tobias Heidland, Sebastian Jävervall, Hendrik Mahlkow, Adamon N. Mukasa and Andinet Woldemichael** and published as part of the Project "[Economic Cluster Africa Research](#)".

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IFPRI Blog Series High Food/Fertilizer Prices and War in Ukraine

With global prices of food and fertilizers already reaching worrying highs, the continuing impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and Russia's invasion of Ukraine raise serious concerns for food security, both in the short and long term. IFPRI Senior Research Fellows **Joseph Glauber** and **David Laborde** are editing a special series of posts on the IFPRI blog providing analysis on the implications of rising food and fertilizer prices, the potential impacts on global and regional food security, and policy responses that could help increase the resilience of national and global food systems. Find the blogs [here](#).

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Special issue "The Fragility-Grievances-Conflict Triangle in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA)"

"Social Sciences" has published a special issue in April 2022 that studies state fragility and its relationship with conflict and grievances in the MENA. It contains a conceptual introduction and eight more specific articles. The special issue argues that all aspects of state fragility relate to grievances and conflict dynamics in the rest world, while in the MENA, political factionalism plays a disproportionate role. One article argues that popular grievances tend to result from defunct social contracts: situations where governments deliver too little (i) Protection of citizens, (ii) Provision of economic and social services or (iii) Participation in political decision making. Using empirical evidence the authors, **Markus Loewe** and **Tina Zintl** from the German Development Institute (DIE), argue that improvements in social protection can cure for deficits in the delivery of any of the these three "Ps" by the government. Another article by **Georgeta Vidican-Auktor** and **Markus Loewe** shows that subsidy reforms can impact on social contracts in very different ways. It compares Morocco, which tried to preserve its social contract as much as possible with Egypt and Iran. Egypt dismantled subsidy schemes quite radically without systematic information and consultation campaigns and just limited compensation. Iran, in contrast, replaced energy subsidies with a much more cost-efficient and egalitarian quasi-universal cash transfer scheme, paving the way to more inclusive social contract.

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Special issue "Social protection and social cohesion"

The European Journal of Development Research is releasing a special issue on the relationship between social protection and social cohesion in low- and middle-income countries in June 2022. It is guest-edited by **Francesco Burchi, Markus Loewe** and **Daniele Malerba** from the [German Development Institute \(DIE\)](#) and includes a conceptual introduction in addition to seven more empirical papers, all using common definitions of social protection and social cohesion. The definition of social protection is based on the introduction to the recently published Edward Elgar Handbook on Social Protection Systems (edited by Esther Schüring and Markus Loewe), while DIE researchers and the Social Protection Hub have developed the



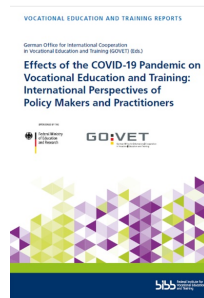
definition of social cohesion, which includes a horizontal and a vertical dimension of three attributes: cooperation, trust, and inclusive identity. Based on research conducted mainly in Burundi, Haiti, Jordan, Kenya and Malawi, the special issue provides evidence for a bidirectional relationship between social protection and social cohesion. In particular, it shows that social protection programmes can contribute to horizontal and vertical trust and inclusive identity. However, they can also have negative effects if they suffer from weaknesses in targeting and design.

Study about innovations and emerging trends in agricultural insurance

The world's agricultural supply depends heavily on smallholder farmers, but at the same time, they are most vulnerable to climate risks such as extreme weather events. Agricultural insurance can be a great tool to minimize these risks, but little is known about the current size of the market, trends and new innovations. In a new study "Innovations and Emerging Trends in Agricultural Insurance – An Update", published by **GIZ**, we collected data from more than 50 insurance schemes in 34 countries to fill these gaps and to provide an overview of where we stand. We give insights into new developments on the horizon and discuss how an insurance scheme needs to be designed to reach its full potential. The study can be found [here](#).

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Effects of the COVID-19 Pandemic on Vocational Education and Training: International Perspectives of Policy Makers and Practitioners



In 2020 and 2021, the German Office for International Cooperation in Vocational Education and Training (GOVET) conducted a series of international workshops on the impacts of COVID-19 on vocational education and training (VET). As a result, GOVET produced a publication by the Federal Institute for Vocational Education and Training (BIBB), which collects multifarious field reports, analyses and studies on the effects of the pandemic on VET in the partner countries of the Federal Ministry of Education and Research (BMBF).

Twenty-eight renowned authors from Costa Rica, Germany, Ghana, Israel, Russia, South Africa and the USA have produced 19 articles. They are addressing topics like digital competencies of VET staff, companies and trainees, the impacts of the pandemic on the training system and on the labour market, and effects on vocational orientation measures and on the development of new formats. The publication can be found [here](#).

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Quality made in Rwanda: lucrative niche markets in the tea sector and Quality certification processes in Ghana



The [Alliance for Product Quality](#) in Africa's goal is to jointly strengthen Africa's role as an exporter on the international market and to increase local value creation. It is achieved by strengthening the national quality infrastructure, by improving quality management processes, and thus the quality of products. These efforts are aimed at creating additional jobs and resulting in a reduction of poverty.

In Rwanda, the Alliance has supported the 'Karongi Tea Factory' to reach the last component of fair trade and organic certification. The company sees itself as a high-quality tea producer, but also as a contributor to the socio-economic development of the Karongi region contributing to reducing poverty. The biggest German retailer within the tea sector *Tee Gschwendner* has already committed itself to buying tea from Karongi Tea Factory.

In Ghana, one of the Alliance's partner countries, 22 farms have been supported in obtaining quality certificates that are demanded in Europe (e.g., organic, Fairtrade). As a result, 2627 female farmers and 158 male farmers are already benefiting from higher incomes they now receive for their fruit.

The Alliance for Product Quality in Africa is implemented by GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) and PTB (Physikalisch-Technische Bundesanstalt) on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development as part of the Special

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